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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 15, 2008, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of this Amendment and Response on the merits. Applicants believe this response is timely as it is being filed within two months of the three month shortened statutory period for reply ending on January 15, 2009.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this submission; and Remarks begin on page 4 of this submission.